

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 2-6, 10 and 13-24 are pending herein. Independent claim 10 has been amended to recite the features of claim 11 and 12, which have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer in favor of rewritten claim 10. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added.

1. Applicants appreciate the PTO indicating that claims 13-19 and 23-29 are allowed, and that claim 12 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 10 has been rewritten to include the allowable features of claim 12, and that claims 11 and 12 have been cancelled in favor of rewritten claim 10. Claims 2-6 and 20-22 each depend either directly or indirectly from rewritten claim 10. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims pending herein are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request that the PTO issue a Notice of Allowance for this application in due course.

2. The §102(b) rejection of claims 2-4, 6, 10 and 20-21 is noted, but deemed moot in view of rewritten claim 10. That is, independent claim 10 has been rewritten to include the features of claim 12, which was not rejected over prior art. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the above rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

3. The §103(a) rejections of claims 2-4, 6, 10-11 and 20-21 over White and of claims 5 and 22 over White in view of Rountos are noted, but deemed moot for the same reasons explained above in section 2. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the above rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

If the Examiner believes that contact with Applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is herein requested to call Applicants' attorney at the phone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

Respectfully submitted,

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